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In Re Application of: Tianqing He, Ali Regimand, Lawrence James, and Peter Muse

For: DEVICE AND METHODS FOR RAPID DRYING OF POROUS MATERIALS

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant wishes to call to the attention of the examiner the following references:

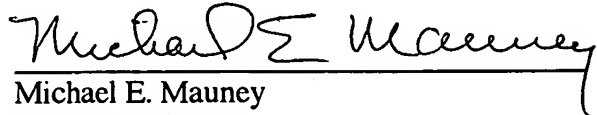
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United States	6,321,589 B1	Regimand	06-25-1999
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United States	5,732,478	Chapman et al.	05-10-1996
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United States	763,388	Gathmann	01-22-1904
United States	560,561	Zapper	10-31-1891

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with the PTO Form 1449. The significance of the Mae et al. reference #5,755,039 is discussed at page 3 of the Application. The Ito et al. reference #4,686,852 is discussed at page 4 of the Application. The Chapman et al. reference #5,732,478 is discussed at page 4 of the Application. The remaining references are believed to be cumulative or of less relevance to the Application than the references discussed in the Application.

It is believed the above references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the current application. Consideration of the foregoing to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

This the 15 day of Nov, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael E. Mauney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "E".

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